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*task 7550***Bentonite Pits (M/041/0012) - last NOI amendment review comments**

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Hi Brad & Jeff,

There are four remaining Division comments needing to be addressed before we can send a letter approving the amended Notice (see below). I anticipate this to be the last round of questions. Corey and I discussed these this afternoon. I think Western Clay will agree with Comments 1 and 4 specifically.

Thank you for your focused work this year to get the NOI updated.

- 1) Non-Western Clay disturbance map - Provide an aerial photo showing nearby disturbances for which you are not responsible that could be mistaken for Western Clay disturbances. This map should help avoid misunderstandings about who is responsible for future reclamation.
- 2) Appendix 4, Fig 1 (Reclamation Treatment Map, Sheep Trail South Pit Areas) - Identify an alternative post-mining ditch alignment, since the form of the existing pond and existing ditch will likely be moved during pit backfill and grading. Also indicate that the settling pond and existing ditch will be removed in this scenario.
- 3) Page 14 (Reclamation Plan, Backfill with Mill Waste) - Past Notice reclamation plans included pit backfill using offsite waste from Western Clay's clay mill. While the Notice reclamation plan and cost estimate assume the Division would use onsite materials, please discuss mill waste backfill material (nature, particle size, etc), since it appears that the operator still intends to backfill with mill waste.
- 4) Page 14 (Reclamation Plan, Sheep Trail South Ditch Realignment) - Indicate that re-alignment of a ditch in the Sheep Trail South Pit area may be necessary during reclamation, and that it would occur during pit backfill work.

We'll look for the replacement pages by email, if convenient. Let me know if there are any questions. Thanks again.

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